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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Frank M. Clark, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Commonwealth Edison Company, is retiring after 46 years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clark, who started in the ComEd mailroom in 1966 and, through dedication, skill, and hard work, rose to the highest office within one of Illinois' most vital and historically significant companies; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Clark's time with the company was interrupted only once, with his service to the United States in the Vietnam War; and

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WHEREAS, Since joining ComEd in 1966, he rose steadily through the ranks, holding various positions in both corporate support and line functions; prior to his appointment as chairman and chief executive officer of ComEd, Mr. Clark served as president of ComEd, responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the company, and executive vice president and chief of staff of Exelon; and

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WHEREAS, During his 46-year career at ComEd, he held key leadership positions at a number of business-critical functions across the company, including: customer service

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1 operations; marketing and sales; regulatory, governmental and
2 community affairs; information technology; communications;
3 human resources; labor relations; and distribution services;
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5 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark serves on the board of trustees of the
6 Museum of Science and Industry, Adler Planetarium and Astronomy
7 Museum, DePaul University, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and
8 the University of Chicago Medical Center; he also is on the
9 board of directors of Metropolitan Family Services, the
10 Illinois Manufacturers Association, Big Shoulders Fund, United
11 Way of Metropolitan Chicago, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential
12 Library Foundation, and the executive committee of The Chicago
13 Community Trust; he sits on the governing board of Econ
14 Illinois and is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, the
15 Economic Club of Chicago, The Commercial Club of Chicago, and
16 the Executives' Club of Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark is a committee member of Chicago 2016
18 and a co-founder of the Rowe-Clark Math & Science Academy on
19 Chicago's west side; he serves on the board of directors for
20 Waste Management, Inc., Harris Financial Corp., and Aetna Inc.;
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22 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark received an honorary Doctor of Humane
23 Letters degree from Governors State University and an honorary

1 Doctor of Law degree from DePaul University; he has received
2 numerous awards including the prestigious HistoryMakers Award
3 and the National Humanitarian Award from the National
4 Conference for Community and Justice; in 2008, U.S. Black
5 Engineer & Information Technology Magazine named him to its
6 annual list of the 100 Most Important Blacks in Technology; he
7 also was ranked among the 50 Most Powerful Black Executives in
8 America by Fortune magazine in 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, He received his bachelor's degree and law degree
10 from DePaul University; and

11 WHEREAS, While attending DePaul University to complete his
12 law degree, he and his wife, Vera, would eat dinner in their
13 car after his day at ComEd was over and before his law classes
14 would begin; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark was instrumental in helping reform,
16 revitalize, and restructure the State's electric industry, as
17 Illinois has now become a national leader in electric service
18 competition and customer choice; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark has served as a mentor to countless
20 colleagues and young people, providing guidance and
21 inspiration to help them realize their own potential;
22 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we congratulate Frank M. Clark on his retirement and thank him
4 for the difference he has made to the business, civic, and
5 policy fabric of the State of Illinois; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to Frank M. Clark as a symbol of our respect and
8 esteem.